

Brigade Combat Team activation ceremony, the ACA-NR Fort Riley, KS, Directorate of Contracting (DOC) Commercial Items staff procured the items through an IOH-approved vendor with delivery just in time for the ceremony.

Success Story

Kandi McDonald and Ruth Ann Smith of the ACA-NR Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, DOC were recognized by BG James Moran, Commander, Program Executive Office Soldier in an awards ceremony Feb. 15, 2006. They were cited for their outstanding duty performance as contracting officers in the development and completion of the Soldier Systems Test Facility at Mulberry Point. The project included construction of 10 new buildings and the refurbishing of 15 others.

DAR Council Corner

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Committee Annual Awards

DFARS has announced the winners of their annual Outstanding Performance Awards for excellence in DFARS committees. Categories include outstanding chairperson for sustained exceptional performance, outstanding member for sustained exceptional performance and outstanding member for exceptional effort on a particular case. The certificates of achievement recognize committee members in the same categories.

DFARS committee members recognized for outstanding performance:

Steve Jaren, HQDA, the outstanding ad hoc committee member, for exceptional effort on a particular case — Contractor Personnel Supporting a Force Deployed Outside the U.S.

Felisha Hitt, HQ, Defense Contract Management Agency, for outstanding Chairperson of the Contract Administration Committee.

Harry Lupuloff, HQ, Department of the Air Force, for sustained exceptional performance as a Patents, Data and Copyrights Committee member.

Committee members awarded DFARS Certificates of Achievement:

Vera Davis, for exceptional leadership as the Chairperson and Army member of the Information Technology Committee.

Christine Poston, for exceptional leadership as Chairperson and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) member of the Debarment, Suspension and Business Ethics Committee.

Richard Gray, for exceptional leadership as the Chairperson and Air Force member of the Patents, Data and Copyrights Committee.

Darrell Hollis, for exceptional performance as the Navy member of the Patents, Data and Copyrights Committee.

Ynette Shelkin, for exceptional sustained performance as the DLA member of the Contract Placement Committee.

Susan Orris, for exceptional performance as the Army member of the Contract Finance Committee regarding DFARS case — Incremental Funding of Fixed-Price Contracts.

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ALTESS News

PM ALTESS Makes USAASC Teleworking Easy

Shirley Williams

The Product Manager Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services (PM ALTESS) contributes to the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) teleworking program in two ways:

- Building a telework solution that includes a secure remote connection to the network resources, which enhances the teleworker experience.
- Creating a disaster recovery component for continuity of operations during emergencies.

Security was a priority when building the USAASC telework solution. PM ALTESS chose a Citrix® MetaFrame infrastructure because of its secure foundation. This infrastructure delivers the network resources via a secure Virtual Private Network and Secure Socket Layer. Its advanced technology was the best choice for centrally deploying applications and providing on-demand access.

PM ALTESS created a teleworking solution that meets the security requirements with authentication and encryption capabilities. These features protect the network resources without making them vulnerable to security breaches. The necessary equipment for the teleworker is an Internet connection, a computer with antivirus software, a firewall and an authentication device. This allows access to the production environment by authenticating at the network level, which creates a secure tunnel between the two computers. Authentication at this level reduces data exposure risk to unauthorized users.

Teleworkers' virtual desktop and network connectivity appears the same as if they were at the office. All network resources are readily available anywhere, anytime, easily and securely. Through Citrix on-demand capability, they have access to all the applications, files and any other network resources in real time.

The telework solution will also become a vital component of the *USAASC Disaster Recovery Plan for Continuity of Operations*. Regardless of location, teleworkers can establish practice sessions for disaster recovery and be more flexible and resilient during an emergency, which allows the USAASC to continue operations at standard security levels. This solution is a critical disaster recovery component because it ensures little or no service interruptions.

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U.S. ARMY ACQUISITION CORPS *Annual Awards Ceremony*

Celebrating our Acquisition Stars

The 2006 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Annual Awards Ceremony is quickly approaching. This event, which honors the acquisition community's most extraordinary members and the teams they lead, is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Crystal City DoubleTree® Hotel in Arlington, VA. Army Acquisition Executive/Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Claude M. Bolton Jr. will host the event and pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide combatant commanders and their Soldiers the weapons and equipment they need to execute decisive, full-spectrum operations in support of the global war on terrorism.

Bolton will honor those who have been chosen to receive the Army Research and Development Laboratory Awards; the Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting; the Secretary of the Army Awards for Acquisition Director; Project and Product Managers of the Year; the Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Awards; and the Army Acquisition Excellence Awards.

This is an important event for the acquisition community to recognize and thank its workforce members who put their best efforts forward and made great strides in more effectively protecting our Soldiers over the past year. To learn more about the 2006 AAC Awards Ceremony, go to http://asc.army.mil/events/aac_awards.